

# **MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**July 11, 2005**

Ken Lee Building Conference Room  
430 'F' Street

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Chair Doug Reid at 4:03 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL/MOTION TO EXCUSE**

Commissioner Juan Diaz has moved out of the City and, therefore, must resign from the Resource Conservation Commission.

Vice-Chair Chávez was not excused.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Doug Reid, Commissioners Teresa Thomas, Stanley Jasek, Pamela Bensoussan and Tracy Means

**STAFF PRESENT:** Marilyn Pongeggi, Environmental Review Coordinator  
Marni Borg, TEP Environmental Projects Manager  
Stan Donn, Associate Planner  
Harold Phelps, Associate Planner  
Linda Bond, Recording Secretary

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ranie Hunter, The Otay Ranch Company  
Kim Kilkenney, The Otay Ranch Company  
Charles Bull, RECON  
Joe Monaco, Dudek & Associates

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** June 6, 2005

**MSC** (Means/Jasek) to approve the minutes of June 6, 2005 with the following revision:

Page 2, 4<sup>th</sup> sentence of the **Environmentalism of the Year Award** paragraph: "She ~~also~~ was a member of the team that founded the Baja Study's Certificate Program..."

**Vote:** (5-0-0-1) with Chávez absent.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. IS-04-027 --- EastLake Village Walk**

Ms. Marni Borg (*Environmental Projects Manager*) presented the MND.

Commission Comments

Commissioner Jasek raised a concern about having only one access point. **Ms. Borg** clarified that the traffic study determined that a second access is not needed.

Chair Reid referred to Tables 8 and 9 and asked that in the future the AM/PM hours should be noted when intersections and segments would be at level of service "C" or worse.

Commissioner Bensoussan asked what the backs of the shops would look like from the street. **Mr. Donn** stated that, because of the height elevation of EastLake Parkway, the back of the buildings would not be visible.

**MSC** (Jasek/Thomas) that the RCC recommends that the Mitigated Negative Declaration be adopted. **Vote:** (5-0-0-1) with Chávez absent.

**2. IS-05-023 --- Conditional Use Permit for Temporary Championship Off-Road Race**

Ms. Borg presented the MND

Commission Comments

Commissioners raised concerns about the following issues:

- Access to parking areas;
- Potential for spectators to park in the residential areas and walk into the race
- Traffic control
- Proximity to the Landfill
- Proximity to the MSCP Preserve
- Potential for impacts to biological resources within Village Two
- Potential Air Quality Impacts
- Fire Safety related to race vehicles
- Potential Water Quality impacts
- Potential for brush fires in the Preserve

Ms. Borg pointed out to the Commissioners where in the draft MND each of their concerns was addressed.

In addition, **Commissioner Bensoussan** questioned the timing in the mitigation measure for the paleontological monitor to be on-site. She asked if there was a potential for archeological being identified on the site. She suggested that the wording in the Mitigation Measure on page 7 stating that "The monitor shall periodically (every several weeks) inspect original cuts..." should be revised since the grading will only take three or four weeks. **Ms. Marilyn Pongeggi** (*Environmental Review Coordinator*) responded that staff would modify that mitigation measure in the final MND.

Chair Reid stated that he had some concerns about this use when he first heard about the application, but after reviewing the document, felt that it did a good job of avoiding resources and minimizing impacts.

**MSC** (Jasek/Means) that the RCC finds the Initial Study adequate and recommends that the Mitigated Negative Declaration be adopted. **Vote:** (4-1-0-1) with Thomas opposed and Chávez absent.

Commissioner Thomas stated that she was opposed to the event for the following reasons:

- Impact on flora/fauna
- Dust control
- Fire hazard
- Runoff issues
- Automotive fluid to the watershed
- Impacts to biological resources

### 3. Summary of Activities Report for FY 2004/05

Ms. Ponseggi provided the draft report to the Commission and indicated that it included a section for 'Comments and Recommendations to Council'. The Commission discussed the contents of the report.

**MSC** (Bensoussan/Thomas) that the RCC attach as their Comments and Recommendations to the City Council, the "Comments and Recommendations for the Chula Vista Redevelopment Corporation (CVRD)" adopted at the joint Planning Commission, Design Review Committee and Resource Conservation Commission meeting in May, as well as the memo that Chair Reid addressed to the City Council regarding appointments to the RCC. **Vote:** (5-0-0-1) with Chávez absent.

### 4. Election of Officers

**MSC** (Thomas/Jasek) to elect Pamela Bensoussan as Chair. **Vote:** (4-0-1-1) with Bensoussan abstaining and Chávez absent.

**MSC** (Reid/Jasek) to re-elect John Chávez as Vice-Chair. **Vote:** (5-0-0-1) with Chávez absent.

### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COORDINATOR COMMENTS

Ms. Ponseggi indicated that there are no items for the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and that meeting will be cancelled. The resolutions for the Environmentalist of the Year and the Historic Preservationist of the Year will be on the August 1, 2005 agenda.

Commissioner Jasek asked to be excused from the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Chair Reid asked to be excused from the August 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> meetings.

Ms. Ponseggi asked the Commissioners if they would be available at 4:00 p.m. if a special meeting were needed on July 25<sup>th</sup>. The Commissioners agreed by common consent.

**CHAIR COMMENTS:** Chair Reid asked about the CEQA conference material he had requested. **Ms. Ponseggi** stated that she was working on ordering it.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Bensoussan announced that there is a General Plan Update Steering Committee meeting Thursday (7/14) at 6:00 at the Police station.

Commissioner Thomas announced that the Local Government Commission is having a workshop in a couple months regarding resource conservation, and she requested that the City pay for RCC members who wish to attend. **Ms. Pongeggi** indicated that she would look into it.

Commissioner Bensoussan asked about the status of the Historic Preservation Program and requested a presentation to the RCC regarding the Certified Local Government. **Ms. Pongeggi** responded that Ms. Lynnette Tessitore-Lopez (*Associate Planner*) is putting together a work program and will make a presentation to the RCC when she has more information on the next steps.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Reid adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m. to a regular meeting on Monday, August 1, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ken Lee Building Conference Room, 430 "F" Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910.

Prepared by:

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Linda Bond  
Recording Secretary

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